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EMPIRE TRADE. NEW GOVERNMENT'S PLANS. PREFERENCE PROPOSALS. Not The Thin Edge Of The Wedge To Tax Food.

Schemes for developing Empire trade representing "new and untapped ways" were mentioned by the Premier in the House of Commons yesterday.

Liberal Censure.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 17.

In the House of Commons, during the debate on the Address-in-Reply, Capt. Wedgwood Benn moved an official Liberal amendment regretting that the King's Speech made no mention of constructive proposals for dealing with unemployment but foreshadowed the introduction of tariffs for preference which would increase taxation, raise prices, increase the cost of living, hamper industry and reduce employment.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, replying for the Government, attached great importance to the constitution of the Imperial Economic Committee and made specific reference to the committee on which the Dominions had been invited to nominate members. It was "to consider the possibility of improving methods of preparing for market and marketing within the United Kingdom of food products from overseas parts of the Empire with a view to increasing the consumption thereof in the United Kingdom, preferably to imports from foreign countries, and to promote the interest of both producers and consumers."

Mr. Baldwin said the Government intended again to submit to the House all the resolutions of the last economic conference which involved reductions of duty.

Election Pledge.

He adhered to the pledge, made in an election speech at Gravesend, that preference would not be used as the thin edge of the wedge to tax food.

Mr. Baldwin hoped to secure an increase in trade with the Dominions by a proposal that the full money equivalent of the advantages that would have been conferred on the Empire in respect of any duties which were not retained should be devoted to schemes of developing the trade of the Empire and firstly to schemes of marketing.

He hoped to allocate £1,000,000 annually to this purpose.

Mr. Baldwin thought that with the contemplated economic committee, on which the British Dominions and experts would be represented and with the aforementioned terms of reference it might be possible to open entirely new and untapped ways of developing Imperial trade. He hoped these would be of far greater benefit to the Dominions than the two or three small taxes proposed at the last economic conference. He said the first things to be remitted by the economic committee were meat and fruit. It was impossible to touch meat and fruit by taxes, but he hoped to devise a scheme that would somewhat alter the course of trade for the benefit of the Empire and the benefit of our own people without taxing food.

Lloyd George Bitter.

Mr. Baldwin, after paying a tribute to Mr. J. H. Thomas's high maintenance of Empire interests, said a new Safeguarding of Industries Bill would be introduced in summer and applied in justifiable cases. He expressed the opinion that any duty levied thereunder would be a general, not a discriminating duty. Preference on these duties would be given to the Dominions.

Replying to Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Baldwin said that such general duty would apply to all countries, even though unfair competition was only encountered from one.

Mr. Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Labour Cabinet, declared that the Empire would apparently have to be kept together by British subvention of £1,000,000 a year to the Dominions.

Mr. Lloyd George interpreted Mr. Baldwin's statement regarding the preference resolution as meaning that no duties would be granted to the Dominions and Colonies on food and any existing preference would refer to existing duties, not the creation of fresh ones.

SNATCHER FOILED.

Portuguese Ladies' Luck.

ICE HOUSE STREET ROUGH.

NINE MONTHS' JAIL ON TWO CHARGES.

Lo Cheok, who described himself as a pastry cook in a tea-house at No. 17, Pakhoi Street, Yaumatei, was charged before Mr. N. L. Smith at the Central Magistracy this morning with attempted highway robbery from two Portuguese ladies, Mrs. Daisy Mendes and her daughter Nora Mendes, and with assaulting the elder lady by clutching her throat in an endeavour to obtain possession of a hand-bag.

The two ladies stated in their evidence that they were proceeding along Ice House Street at about 9 o'clock last night, and when nearly opposite Messrs. Moxon & Taylor's office the defendant attempted to snatch from both of them the bags they were carrying. The elder lady resisted the thief, who grabbed her by the throat. Just at this moment a police whistle was blown and the man ran away towards Queen's Road. Finding his means of escape closed by an Indian constable in plain

QUICK WORK.

CRIMINAL COURT SENTENCES.

TWO YEARS A MINUTE.

Teashop Murder Trial Begins.

The law is not long in taking its course when a prisoner pleads guilty at the Criminal Sessions. This morning seven men in twenty-five minutes were sentenced to terms of imprisonment totalling 50 years.

One of the men who appeared for so brief a space before Mr. Justice H. H. J. Gompertz this morning described himself as a lance corporal in the Yunnanese army. The charge against him was that he was in unlawful possession of a Mauser pistol.

His defence was that he had brought the weapon down from Kiangsu with the intention of selling it when he arrived in Hongkong in order that he might defray the cost of travelling. He did not know that this was against the regulations.

Seven years. A man who was stated to have been obsessed with a desire to kill the woman, on a charge of whose attempted murder he was arraigned, also put in a brief appearance and pleaded guilty.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said that the

man pushed the woman from the Praya at Wanchai. She was a woman with whom he had formerly lived and on whom he had made a previous assault. The medical pronouncement on him as a result of examination had been that he was normal on most matters but was a dangerous man in regard to his obsession to kill this woman.

"I hope when you come out you will be in a different frame of mind," remarked His Lordship in sentencing him to 15 years' hard labour.

[Three of five other men whose sentences made up the total of fifty years were charged with possession of arms and two with robbery.]

TEASHOP MURDER TRIAL.
All available sitting space was taken up when proceedings opened this morning in the "Tea chest murder" case in which the shop fook of an old Chinese tea merchant who carried on business at No. 145, Connaught Road Central, is charged with the murder of his master.

Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted and said that the motive seemed to have been one of personal gain; there was a particular reason why the prisoner should be desirous of obtaining the money.

At the beginning of August he had lent his employer \$1,500 which had been paid back to him on September 7. On the night of September 22 he reported to the Police that he had lost \$1,000. To a shop coolie, earning \$5 a month, the loss would be stupendous and it could be understood that he was willing, almost, to do anything to replace the sum.

Outlining the alleged circumstances of the crime, Mr. Hazlerigg emphasised that prisoner sent the cook out on an errand, and it was during the cook's absence that the murder had taken place and that the body had been secreted in the tea-chest. The shop personnel consisted only of the deceased who was master, his son who was away in the country at the time, prisoner and the cook.

In a statement to the Police, prisoner admitted having gone to the Bank of Canton the next day and presented for payment a deposit receipt for \$1,000 which amount was paid to him; also that he had been refused payment of another amount at the Oriental and Commercial Bank owing to a discrepancy in the photographs. The missing \$1,000 had been found in the possession of the prisoner's paramour.

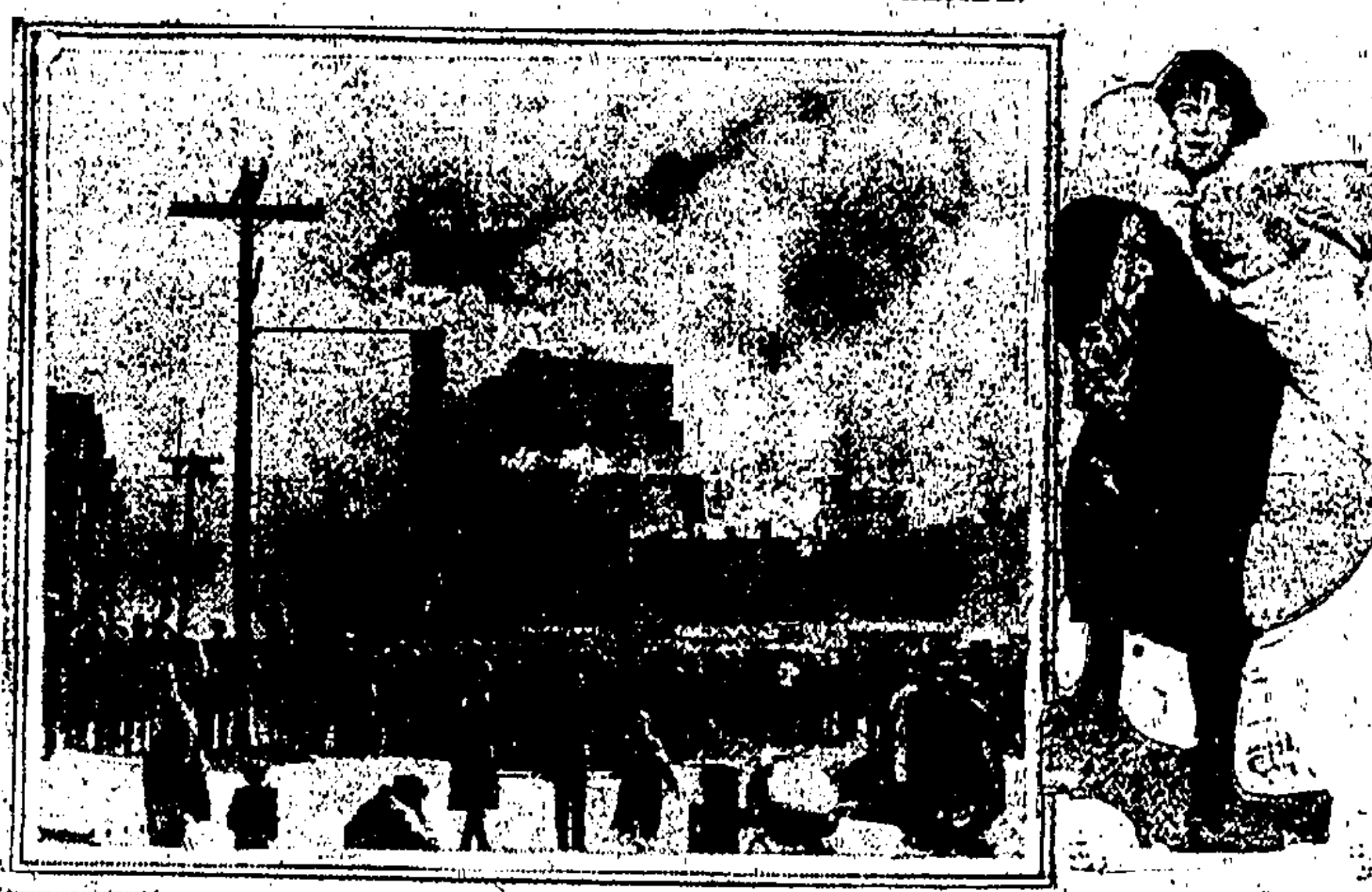
Two days after the murder the body was discovered in a tea-chest on the shop verandah, covered over with blankets and old newspapers. Prisoner was arrested on a day-boat for Canton just before the steamer's departure. At the time he had on him \$134 and a lot of new clothing and jewellery.

So Shing, another man whom the prisoner had alleged had been connected with the murder, said Mr. Hazlerigg would be called as one of the Crown witnesses and evidence would be given that he was in the country at the time of the murder and that he arrived in the Colony after it had occurred. Altogether there would be twenty-three witnesses for the prosecution; the evidence of a police detective who had been shot in the execution of his duty at the Shaukiwan water-front, would be read to the Court.

Wong Wing, son of the deceased, was one of the first witnesses to be called this morning. He bore out Mr. Hazlerigg's opening and was then subjected to a minute cross-examination by Mr. H. S. Fitzroy (instructed by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios) who appeared to defend.

Replying to Mr. Fitzroy, witness stated that he actually saw his father pay back the sum of \$1,500 to prisoner, and that his father had spoken to him about the repayment.

THOUSANDS FLEE FROM HUGE BLAZE.



JERSEY CITY FIRE & REFUGEE FROM FLAMES.

Thousands of persons were driven from their homes by a fire which raged through several blocks in the Jersey City water front. New York fire apparatus and fire boats were called upon to aid in stemming the conflagration.

IN THE DARK.

ANXIETY AMONG CANTON BUSINESSMEN.

CHAN THE PUZZLE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, December 17.

What little news has trickled through to Canton concerning the doings in the rival camp beyond the East River has been of little use to the public.

Most of the business community are in the dark as to what is being planned in Canton by persistent reports have come through of General Chan Kwing-ming's alleged intention to assume the post of Commander-in-Chief of the Cantonese Army.

As far as can be made out, Chan himself is not keen to attach an empty title to his name but he may yield to the persuasion of his senior adherents. At first, it was stated that he would assume office at Swatow. When that date passed, it was said that his headquarters would be established at Hing Ling, but to-day a definite announcement has reached Canton to the effect that Hing Ling will not be the capital of his domain.

LATE MR. GOMPERS.

LYING-IN-STATE AT ELKS CLUB

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, December 17.

The remains of the late Mr. Samuel Gompers, borne on a gun carriage drawn by six white horses, were taken from the railway station to the Elks Club. The coffin will lie in state there until the funeral to-morrow.

MARINERS TO NOTE!

"HEIYEI MARU" SUNK IN INLAND SEA

A notice posted at the Harbour Office reads as follows:—
Dated November 28, 1924, from the Hydrographic Department, Ministry of Marine, Tokyo.

"Sunk Ship" We have received information that the s.s. "Heiyei Maru" has sunk at a point 8 miles S.E. of Ryujima Light-house at the southern entrance of Kurushima Channel in the Inland Sea.

INSPECTOR MURPHY.

"SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT, BUT STILL SERIOUS."

On inquiry at the Government Civil Hospital, the "China Mail" learns that Detective Sub-Inspector James Murphy of the Central Detective Office, has shown slight improvement but is still in a serious condition.

Inspector Murphy, it will be recalled, fell from the second floor of Central Station, into the compound, in the small hours of Tuesday morning, while, it is believed, walking in his sleep.

U.S. AND GERMANY.

CONFERENCE WITH HUGHES OVER TREATY.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, December 27.

As a consequence of the strong opposition in the Senate-Foreign Relations Committee to the proposed Commercial Treaty with Germany, a sub-committee has been delegated to confer with Secretary of State, Hughes, with a view to certain modifications being made in the draft.

FRENCH FINANCE.

M. CLEMENTEL PLANNING REDEMPTION SCHEME.

(Reuter's Service.)

PARIS, December 17.

M. Clementel, Minister of Finance, to-day informed the Chamber finance commission that he is preparing a vast consolidation redemption operation. This he will undertake at the beginning of the New Year.

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"PHILISTINE HONGKONG."

Does Hongkong possess a soul
above the mere grubbing of
dollars? Nearly every time this
question has been put in the past
the answer has been an emphatic
"No!" and mostly the reply could
not be gainsaid. But after all
the Colony could not really be
blamed for neglecting the arts.
Like every pioneer settlement, it
had little time for anything but
work. Even now people will
frankly avow that they are "not
out here for their health." Just
so. But the Colony is not to-day
as busy as it once was. It now
has its leisure moments for the
finer things of life. Hence the
present keen interest in the arts,
interest which gives the lie to the
charge that Hongkong is still a
philistine city. What other place
in the Far East—yes, the great
Shanghai included—can boast
two art shows, a Gilbert and
Sullivan opera, and a Bernard
Shaw play, naming only the
amateur efforts, all within four
weeks? Surely this is a record
of which we can be justly proud.
Not only does it clear our name
of a slur we have long been un-
able to answer, but it also augurs
great things for the future. The
success of "The Yeomen of the

Guard" makes the presentation of
another Gilbert and Sullivan
opera by the Philharmonic
Society almost certain. Similar-
ly the warm reception we are con-
fidently awaits "Saint Joan" should
encourage the Amateur Dramatic
Society to repeat its experiment
of giving the public a serious
play by an acknowledged master.
The art exhibitions will be re-
peated next year as a matter of
course, and we have no doubt
that the St. John's Cathedral
lectures will be continued. Thus
the outlook is brighter than it has
ever been before. Perhaps it
would be ungracious to add that
it would be very much brighter
still if the Colony could boast a
debating society in addition. Yet
so it must be said. We have our
Amateur Dramatic Society, our
Philharmonic Society, our Art
Society, our Camera Society, our
Book Club and other kindred
bodies, but we have no debating
society. This is not the first
time this need has been voiced,
nor—we suppose—will it be the
last. Doubtless in good time
enterprising spirits will fill this
gap in the Colony's intellectual
life. Then with an adequate
museum and a picture gallery—
alluring dreams!—Hongkong can
finally take its place among the
great art centres of the world.
Such is the hope we see in the
Colony's present interest in art.
Such is the answer we give to the
question "Does Hongkong possess
a soul above the mere grubbing
of dollars?"

Unique Enterprise.

A newspaper has arrived for
review which has considerable
grounds for its claim to be the
largest edition of a daily news-
paper ever produced. It consists
of eighty pages of news, pictures
and articles and contains adver-
tisements printed in two colours.
This is a very recent development
in daily newspaper production,
but the claim put forward by the
paper referred to (the "Indian
Daily Mail") is a little too sweep-
ing. It is not the first in the East
to contain this new development
as readers of the "Peking and
Tientsin Times" are well
aware. In that it is entirely staffed
by Indians, however, and in one
year has secured a certified
circulation larger than that of any

other newspaper in Northern,
Central and Western India it is
certainly a unique example of
newspaper enterprise. Amongst
the articles contained within its
pages is one by the Rev. C. F.
Andrews on Rabindranath Tagore
and the poet's message to man-
kind. Mr. Andrews expresses the
opinion that world culture is the
great ideal that now dominates
Tagore and which explains his
journeys to foreign lands. The
stand taken by Tagore in opposi-
tion to nationalism is also dealt
with. There are many other
articles of particular interest to
students of India's problems and
one fifteen page supplement, con-
taining fine picture reproductions,
deals entirely with the past and
future prospects of Bombay.

Motor Cyclists.

Youth will be served in all walks
of life, but it is news to read that
one of the most interesting
features of the motor-cycling
movement, at the present time, is
the tremendous influence exerted
on design by the demand from the
younger and more sporting section
of its adherents. This section of
the community, according to
"Motor Cycling," regards its
motor-cycling as a hobby and its
machines as pets to be handled
with care and conscientiously kept
at concert pitch. With this class
of youth, we are told, speed noise
and polish are often the first
essentials, and so enthusiastic in
the course of pursuing their hobby
are the majority, manufacturers
are forced to meet their require-
ments. There surely must be a
far larger group of riders, and
certainly a huge number of
potential owners, by whom the
features loved by the younger
generation are not required. The
every-day rider has not the time
for constant cleaning, nor can he
pick his weather and road surface.
He will be just as happy with a
silent as noisy machine, and an
ultra efficient engine capable of
phenomenal speed bursts and
necessitating an expert to main-
tain its high degree of tune does
not interest him. At any rate, we
trust the remarks of the writer
in "Motor Cycling" are not appli-
cable to many of Hongkong's
younger motor-cycle enthusiasts.

ON A BIG SCALE.

STAR THEATRE'S GREAT FILM.

"The Silent Command" which
is showing at the Star Theatre is
a story that appeals to everyone,
for it has to do with a spy, and
the ways of a spy. Much as we may
dislike the occupation of
spying, we have to admit that its
success mainly depends upon
courage, initiative, and a dash of
the dare-devil as well. The sensa-
tional episodes in this particular
film version of a great story are
many, and include an attempt to
blow up the Panama Canal; a fight
in the wireless room of a steamship
during a tempest, and the most
realistic wreck ever shown
on the screen. Romance and brass
buttons mingle genially with the
sterner element of duty, but help
in a gripping drama of love, in-
trigue and the high seas. The
Atlantic fleet is shown during
a visit to the great Panama
Canal; whilst not the least in a
thrilling series of episodes is the
one of the court-martial of a naval
officer who is being tried for
treason. The smallest detail in
this "act" is correctness itself,
pointing to the thorough care which
has been expended in making this
film true to life. There will be an
interesting prologue.

GREAT BARITONE.

A TREAT FOR MUSIC LOVERS.

The Star Theatre management,
enterprising as it always is, has
gone "one better" and has
arranged a concert for Monday
next at the Theatre when Signor
Ronconi, the famous Italian
Baritone, will render items from
his extensive repertoire. The
standing of this artist may be
gauged when it is mentioned that
Mr. Harry Ore will act as
accompanist. Signor Giulio
Ronconi in addition to being in
the front rank of operatic artists,
seems to have had a romantic
series of experiences—if such
they can be called. His career
has once been wrecked by the
Bolsheviks and once by the
Japanese earthquake. Before the
war the signor was known in
every European capital and he
sings equally well in English,
French, Spanish, Italian, and
Russian. In October 1918 he was
singing in Moscow. The anti-
Kerensky revolution started. Ar-
rived, Ronconi saw men lined
up in droves and shot down. His
hotel became a shambles and for
six months he and his wife lived
in fear of their lives.
"Booking" for the concert is at
Moutrie's and is in store
for those who attend.

ACTION UPHELD.

WHEN H.M.S. "COCK- CHAFFER" WAS AT WAHSIEN.

DISCUSSION IN COMMONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 17.
In the House of Commons,
replying to Mr. George Lansbury,
M.P. (Bow and Bromley), with
regard to the commander of
H.M.S. "Cockchafer," threaten-
ing to bombard Wahsien, Mr.
W. C. Bridgeman (First Lord of
the Admiralty) said the report of
the incident was received from
the commander of H.M.S.
"Cockchafer," through the Com-
mander-in-Chief on the China
station.

ACTION JUSTIFIED.

From this and from other re-
ports, it was clear that the pres-
sure put by the commander of
H.M.S. "Cockchafer" on the local
Chinese authorities had been en-
tirely justified. It was also clear
that the trial had been held in
accordance with Chinese Law
and there was no reason to doubt
that the men, who were sentenced
to death, were primarily respon-
sible for the murder of Mr.
Hamley.

AN OLD STORY.

Mr. Bridgeman said he was not
prepared to publish the report.
He said the matter occurred a
long time ago and he thought we
knew enough about it.

[Note: Early this Spring, an
American, named Hamley, em-
ployed by a foreign firm of ship-
pers at Wahsien, was brutally
murdered by Chinese lighter-
men.]

Before the funeral, the com-
mander of H.M.S. "Cockchafer"
brought pressure to bear by
which the Chinese command of
the Wahsien garrison and the
leading city authorities were per-
suaded to follow in the funeral
procession on foot and the chief
perpetrators of the murder were
brought to book and executed by
the Chinese authorities. Un-
officially the Americans thanked
the British authorities for the
action taken by the commander of
H.M.S. "Cockchafer."

SOME "CHICKEN."

GROWN ROOSTER IN POLICE HANDS.

"I saw a number of people
chasing the bird and I joined in,"
was the remark made by a
Chinese who was charged at the
Kowloon Magistracy this morn-
ing with unlawful possession of a
chicken. Further, the man com-
plimented himself on having out-
witted the others and caught the
bird first. This was neither
pleading guilty nor otherwise,
and the man was left off with a
caution. The "chicken," which
turns out to be a full grown
rooster fit to adorn a Christmas
table, had no claimants, and is
now in the hands of the police.
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SMART WATCHMEN.

ATTEMPT TO SMUGGLE OPIUM FOILED.

What was probably an attempt
to smuggle opium to America or
Canada was nipped in the bud
yesterday through the initiative
of two Indian Police guards em-
ployed by Messrs. Butterfield and
Swire.

On board the Blue Funnel
steamer "Achilles," which is due
to depart for Victoria and Van-
couver, the guards detected two
sammpan women who were trying
to bring, between them, 200 taels
of prepared Macao opium on
board the ship. This contraband
would be valued at about \$3,000
in Hongkong and probably more
than that in Canadian Gold dol-
lars when it reached its destina-
tion.

The women were taken into
custody and will be dealt with by
the Police Magistrate.

ARMED ROBBERS.

SHAUKIWAN GROCER IS LATEST VICTIM.

Armed robbers entered the
Kwong Hin grocery shop at No. 37,
Main Street, Shaukwan, at about
8 p.m. yesterday. There were
three men in the gang, two armed
with revolvers. Acting on a sup-
posedly pre-arranged signal, the
unarmed robber took up a position
at the doorway to guard against
any possible escape of the inmates
— raising an alarm, while the
other two, backed up by their
weapons, enjoined the accountant
and other inmates to silence. After
possessing themselves of a sum of
\$100 from the drawer of the coun-
ter, the robbers disappeared into
the street just as quietly as they
entered the shop.

ART EXHIBITIONS.

PAINTINGS ON VIEW AT V. R. C.

HELENA MAY MURPHY

An exhibition of the art of two
Japanese painters opened at the
V. R. C. this afternoon. Nearly
all of them are painters of Hong-
kong scenes, which have been re-
produced with much charm after
special study by the two painters
who have been in the Colony for
a number of weeks. One of them
is Shimosuke Kojima, who painted
the pictures, which were presented
to His Royal Highness the Prince
of Wales on the occasion of his
visit to Sushima, and the other is
the Japanese impressionist Kobay-
kawa.

The exhibition will be continued
over to-morrow and at the Currier
to be held in the evening five paint-
ings by the artists will be raffled,
the proceeds being in aid of the
Hongkong Benevolent Society.

LOCAL ART CLUB.

The Hongkong Art Club has ar-
ranged another interesting exhibi-
tion at the Helena May Institute of
work of local artists which has at-
tracted considerable comment.
Amongst those who contributed
notable pictures were Mr. R. W.
Siddart, Miss A. Wade, Mrs. Byrd,
Mrs. Gompertz and Mrs. Aubrey.

A CHEAP HOUSE.

INDIAN WATCHMAN'S FLANK HUT.

SEQUEL IN COURT.

A timber dealer having a go-
down at Kennedy Town, preferred
a charge of larceny of twenty
planks against an Indian watch-
man in the employ of the Eastern
Extension Telegraph Company's
godown, which is a few doors
away. The complainant stated
that he originally bought
2,000 pieces which bore a
special mark, and on a tally being
made 20 pieces were found mis-
sing. On looking round his sus-
picions were aroused by a cooking
shed put up by the defendant,
which on closer examination
proved to have been partly con-
structed of the stolen timber which
bore his mark.

The defendant, Omar Din, denied
the allegation of robbery, and
stated that the timber in question
was washed ashore on October 4
during the typhoons. He could
produce another ten pieces which
he picked up at the same time and
which he had not used in patching
up his cook house.

The Magistrate directed Sub-
Inspector Shafatin to proceed to
the spot with defendant to verify
his statement regarding the ten
pieces, and adjourned the case
until Saturday morning at 11.30.
The defendant was also ordered to
produce his witnesses, one of
whom he said had left for Macao.

MUST DISGORGE.

U.S. TREASURY COLLECTS ILLEGALLY.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, December 17.
The United States Treasury has
requested Congress for an appro-
priation of \$50,000,000 for repay-
ment of illegally collected Federal
taxes.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Ts.
Langkats 21.50 Buyers.
Ewos 12 Buyers.
Shanghai Docks... 108 Buyers.
New Engineering 750 Buyers.
Orientals 4 Buyers.
Shanghai Cottons 58 Buyers.
The above, kindly supplied by
Messrs. J. Gould & Co., were the
opening quotations on the Shanghai
market this morning.

HON. MR. A. E. WOOD.

CHINESE AS HOSTS TO-MORROW.

On the eve of his departure on
furlough, the Hon. Mr. A. E.
Wood, Acting Secretary for
Chinese Affairs, is to be entertain-
ed by a number of leading Chinese
residents to a Chinese dinner.
To-morrow (Friday), Mr. Wood
will be the guest of Chinese mer-
chants at the Yee Woo Restaurant,
West Point, at 8 p.m.

Mr. Wood has been acting
Secretary for Chinese Affairs for
a little over a month, last year
when the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax,
C. B. E., visited British North
Borneo and for the major part of
this year while Mr. Hallifax has
been on leave.

When Mr. Wood goes on leave
he will be missed in cricket
circles. He is an ardent sup-
porter of the Civil Service team,
one of the Colony's leading ex-
ponents of determined hitting. He
was one of the Interport selection
committee for the last series of
matches.

BOXER INDEMNITY.

RUSSELL AND DICKENSON NOT WANTED.

PONSONBY ASKS WHY.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, December 17.

In the House of Commons today, in reply to Mr. Arthur Ponsonby (Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in the Labour Government), Mr. Austen Chamberlain (Foreign Minister) said that the invitations to Mr. Russell and Mr. Dickenson to join the Advisory Committee on the expenditure of the China Boxer indemnity, had been cancelled because reconsideration showed that the composition of the committee—which it was important to keep numerically small—was insufficiently representative.

For instance, said Mr. Chamberlain, it did not include a member with practical experience of educational organisation in China.

Ponsonby's Retort.

Mr. Ponsonby, in reply, asserted that both gentlemen were fully qualified; they had been excluded because they were associated with the Labour Party (Labourite Cheers).

Mr. Chamberlain said he was not anxious to discuss their qualifications unless Mr. Ponsonby forced him to do so.

Views of Tuan.

PEKING, December 17. Marshal Tuan Chih-jui, interviewed by Reuter's correspondent this morning, said he strongly favoured using the British portion of the Boxer Indemnity for railway construction, or other constructive work, and he added that one of the most important problems China has to face is that of improved communications.

Questioned regarding recent reports of the impending dissolution of Parliament, and the denunciation of the Tsao Kun Constitution and the Provisional Constitution of 1912, Marshal Tuan said the Provisional Government did not intend to take any action on this question at present. It will be referred to the forthcoming Conference. When the question of a new Constitution did come up, he thought it would be best for China to start off with a clean slate. His foreign policy had been announced, and the Government intended to respect foreign obligations, also, to maintain the treaties, conventions and agreements.

With regard to financial policy, Marshal Tuan said that the main plank was reconstruction. A scheme of financial readjustment would be put into operation, embracing the consolidation of foreign and domestic loans. He did not think it would be necessary to apply for a foreign loan, but the whole financial question would be worked out by the forthcoming Conference.

This Conference will deal with urgent questions relating to administration and reconstruction, including the disbandment of troops, financial and political reorganization, etc.

It will also draft regulations to govern a second Conference, or National Convention.

It will probably last about a month, but no date of opening could be given, as many matters had first to be adjusted. It was not possible to say much about the Convention, for its dates and scope would be entirely determined by the first Conference. He could not say whether Chang Tsolin, Sun Yat-sen, or Feng Yu-shiang would attend personally, but, if not, their responsible representatives would be there.

Asked what he thought of the Protocol Powers' recent Notes, Marshal Tuan said that yesterday he gave instructions to the Foreign Office to draft a reply, which would be known in due course. He also had given instructions that the Lincheng demands should be settled as soon as possible. It was regrettable this affair had been allowed to drag on so long.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

LONG TACK SAM'S FAREWELL.

Long Tack Sam's Chinese entertainers are going "great guns" at the Queen's Theatre, where before large houses a change of programme was presented. Many of the feats of the week were retained. Long Tack Sam is a wonderful juggler and contortionist, but one of his company is even more marvellous. He does some horizontal bar work that has never been done before, and must be seen to be believed. The Company are all star performers including his two beautiful daughters.

The company will bring its Hongkong season to a close to-night, and those who desire to see the finest entertainment of its kind ever presented to Hongkong theatregoers should not fail to attend the Queen's Theatre.

BOXING.

SECOND TOURNAMENT ON TUESDAY.

SIX BOUTS ARRANGED.

On Tuesday next the Hongkong Boxing Association stage the second tournament of the season at the Theatre Royal and, as was the case at the first, a promising programme has been arranged.

Main interest, of course, centres in the return contest between Jim Cartledge, R.N., and Matty Smith for the lightweight championship of the Colony. When the pair met on November 15 last Cartledge took the verdict on points, and public opinion is to the effect that he will again win, and thus make the Light Weight Belt his property.

Both men possess worthy records, outlines of which have already appeared in these columns. Briefly, Cartledge has fought 98 times, has only lost five contests, and has fought two to a draw. One of his best performances was against Danny Frush at Premierland, when he just lost on points over fifteen rounds.

Smith has taken part in 254 contests, has won 74 by a knock out. He has held the featherweight championship of Canada and of the Pacific Coast, and also two lightweight championships.

Minor Bouts. There are five other contests, all promising good fights. Perhaps the most interesting is what happens to be the season's first heavyweight contest. In this, over ten rounds, Stoker Booth of H.M.S. "Hollyhock" meets Ldg. Seaman Francis of H.M.S. "Titania". The former was the heavyweight champion of the South African Station in 1921 and has victories over a number of good men. His opponent, Francis, won the Navy-Murine's heavy in 1922 and was runner-up in the I.S.B.A. championships one year.

The six round fight between Stoker P.C. Young of H.M.S. "Diomedes" and Pte. Eaton, 1st E. Surrey, is a return contest. In November a tame display gave the soldier the victory on points. Young is a plucky, forcing fighter and his opponent more of the "classy" order who has always pleased local spectators.

Another well known and popular Surrey scrapper will be on show in the person of Bandsman Wareham, who meets Signaller Rogers, of the Stonecutters Wireless Station over six rounds at the lightweight, poundage. It is anticipated that Wareham will have a stiffer proposition to beat the Signaller than he had when he met J. S. Wrigley in November. Rogers, last year, went ten rounds with Jim Cartledge in a Fleet championship final and only just lost on points. He was featherweight Champion of the Atlantic and Mediterranean Fleets in 1921-2.

There is one other lightweight contest, between Stoker Lee of H.M.S. "Hawkins" and Telegraphist Emmerson of H.M.S. "Marazion". The former is a good man and scraps to the last second. Emmerson, too, is no novice. He won the Chatham Port Divisional Championship in 1922 and was runner-up in the recent amateur championship in Hongkong. He, like Cartledge, claims never to have been knocked out.

The other fight is a welter affair between A.B. Campbell of H.M.S. "Titania" and Pte. Barber, of the Surreys. Campbell is not very well known here, but Barber has appeared often, and has always given a good account of himself.

The contests, so far as the Naval participants are concerned, are subject to official approval, owing to a China Fleet Order just issued concerning ratings, boxing ashore, but it is confidently anticipated that all contests will take place as arranged.

Bookings for the tournament are already on the heavy side, and early application for tickets is advised in order to obviate the disappointment occasioned by many in connection with the November tournament.

Mr. A. Murdoch will referee the big fight.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM MANY QUARTERS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 17.

The celebration of the coming of age of the University of Leeds was marked by the reception of delegates and the presentation of congratulatory addresses from universities all over the world, including universities in the Dominions, India and Hongkong.

The Rev. Dr. Mackenzie, speaking for the University of India, Burma and the Far East, pointed out that the danger in India was that knowledge was pursued too exclusively for the students' own sake; therefore, contact with the Western world was both beneficial and corrective.

SILENCE IS GOLDEN.

LEAKAGE OF U.S. NAVAL SECRETS.

NAVAL COURT ORDERED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, December 17. Mr. Curtis D. Wilbur, U. S. Secretary of the Navy, has ordered a naval court of enquiry to investigate the unauthorised publication of information valuable to possible enemy countries.



No General Muzzling.

Mr. Wilbur states that, although the Navy Department does not contemplate a general muzzling of navy officers, it is determined to prevent the spreading of information of military value.

OPIUM TRADE.

BRITAIN ANXIOUS FOR SUPPRESSION.

MANY PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 17. In the House of Commons today, in reply to Mr. Trevelyan Thomson, Mr. Austen Chamberlain said the Government was anxious to do its utmost to suppress the opium trade, but account must be taken of the serious, practical difficulties. The situation, created by certain proposals submitted to the Geneva Conference, was now being discussed.

Mr. Thomson suggested Britain should give the lead in the matter.

Mr. Chamberlain replied he thought it better not to say more until Government had had an opportunity to consult their representatives at Geneva. The whole subject was most difficult as he knew because the assistance of the Council of the League of Nations had been invoked in the matter.

After a breezy discussion in sub-committee, none of the opium-producing States are able to agree to the American proposal to limit the production of opium to medical and scientific requirements as at present drafted. Report to the plenary conference in January.

Other sub-committees have practically concluded their labours. The delegates are departing for their homes.

GERMAN CABINET.

STRESEMANN REFUSES THE TASK.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, December 17. President Ebert has asked Herr Stresemann to form a Cabinet. Herr Stresemann is considering his decision.



Gustav Stresemann.

It is announced that Herr Stresemann has declined to form a Cabinet, owing to the opposition of the Central Party.

SINGAPORE STRIKE.

BUS DRIVERS OBJECT TO PENALTIES.

Singapore, November 9.—Rumours which began to circulate about a week back as to a probable strike of motor bus drivers in view, it is said, of the severe way in which they are being dealt with by the authorities, materialised yesterday, when not a single motor bus could be seen on the roads throughout the day. There was a vision of what Singapore would be like without motor buses and it was indeed satisfying to think that for a day at any rate one could cross North Bridge Road in comparative safety. The traffic constables must have found it infinitely easier to discharge their duties. Where had the buses gone? They were to be seen bunched together in groups or parked away in twos and threes in the different streets where they had as usual been driven to the previous night after the day's work was done. But there was no early morning stir of motor buses in such streets as Prinsep Street, Victoria Street, Arab Street, etc. yesterday.

NO DISTURBANCES.

Apart from one or two isolated attempts to prevent drivers from getting to work there were no disturbances and the day passed quietly. The Police, however, were alert to cope with any emergency and their efforts to put an end to the affair were not wholly without success, for, by the afternoon a few buses, chiefly of the bigger type, were seen running along North Bridge Road to Geylang and back.

In Arab Street six motor bus drivers were arrested by the Police and charged before Mr. Venables in the Second Police Court with unlawful assembly. Three others who were unfortunate in picking on a Police bus with the intention in exercising their authority on the driver and ordering the vehicle off the roads, were promptly arrested and charged. It was alleged that the men stopped the bus in Arab Street and would not allow the vehicle to proceed. They were charged with criminal intimidation and on being produced before Mr. Venables along with the other six men, all were remanded for further enquiry on bail of \$100 each.

STERN MEASURES RESPONSIBLE. It is believed that, while the blame is being thrown on the drivers, the owners are really at the bottom of the whole affair. The grievance appears to be in the heavy penalties inflicted on bus drivers, particularly of late. There has been no definite decision arrived at regarding the proposed security of \$250 which it was recently thought necessary to demand of owners before they were given a permit.

Mr. Farrer told the "Free Press" that the root of the trouble was most probably the stern measures it had been necessary to adopt of late in dealing with motor bus drivers. The necessity for taking these steps was emphasized by the frequency of motor bus accidents and the fact that there had been sixteen deaths resulting from bus accidents during the year.

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs stated that he had not been approached with regard to any matter touching the strike.

It is generally expected that the trouble will blow over in a day or two. As a matter of fact, the lay off has been profitably used by several owners, who have found time to repair and paint their buses. Several buses, which were parked in the different side streets throughout yesterday, were being tuned up and painted.

The most serious thing of all was the inconvenience caused to those who have grown accustomed to depending on motor bus conveyance to and from home. But the "taxi" did a roaring day's trade and the tram cars were packed and over-crowded. The Tramway Company were responsible for easing the inconvenience by putting out all cars available.

MOROCCO.

SPANIARDS IN FURTHER WITHDRAWALS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tangier, December 17.

The Spaniards have completed the withdrawal to the Tetuan-Larache line of 3,000 troops which have been sent home. Other contingents will leave shortly and spend Christmas in Madrid. Efforts are being made to subdue the Anjara tribesmen by means of aerial bombardment. Several tons of explosives have been launched at villages in the past few days.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

December 18.—Coronet Theatre: "The Thief of Bagdad."
December 18.—Star Theatre: "The Silent Command."
December 18.—World Theatre: "The Greatest Boxing Show."

December 18.—Queen's Theatre: "Polly of the Folies," and "Long Tak Sam's" last performance.

December 19-20.—Theatre Royal: "The Yeomen of the Guard," 9 p.m.

December 26.—Theatre Royal: Edgar Warwick presents the inimitable Wish Wynne.

January 12 to 17.—Hongkong A.D.C.'s production, "St. Joan," 9 p.m., January 14, 4.30 p.m.

December 23.—Theatre Royal: Second Tournament of the Hongkong Boxing Association, 9.15 p.m.

December 23.—St. Andrew's: St. George's Golf Match at Fanling.

SOCIAL.

December 19.—Children's Xmas Party, at Helena May Institute, 3.45 p.m.

December 26.—Grand Carnivals, Hongkong Hotel, Grill Room.

December 31.—Repulse Bay Hotel, grand New Year Celebration, dinner dance.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

December 20.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Room, suitable articles for Xmas presents, noon.

December 20.—Lammert Bros., at Godown No. 6, Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

December 22.—Lammert Bros., at Old P. & O. Building, Des Vaux Road Central, Office furniture, 11 a.m.

December 23.—Lammert Bros., at Godown No. 5, Lower, The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, 285 cases window glass.

COMPANY MEETING.

December 20.—Sixth meeting of China Light and Power Co., (1918) Ltd., at St. George's Building, Chater Road, 11.30 a.m.

OTHER MEETING.

December 23.—General meeting of shareholders of the Rab Syndicate Ltd., Prince's Building, Chater Road, noon.

EXHIBITION.

December 18.—A unique collection of Japanese prints, ivory and gold lacquer at Messrs. Komor and Komor from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Kayong, (Br.) B. & S., from Bangkok, Swatow.
City of Shanghai, (Br.) Bank Line, from Genoa, Shanghai.
New Mathilda, (Br.) Yik Tai, from Haiphong, Pakhoi.
Derwent, (Br.) Tai Yuen, from Saigon.

Yuensang, (Br.) J. M. & Co., from Manila, Amoy.
Cochinchine, (Fren.) Kee Yee, from Haiphong, Shanghai.
Hanoi, (Fren.) M. M., from Haiphong, Fort Bayard.
Yan On, (Chi.) Yan Woo, from Hoihow.

Banka, (Dan.) J. Mannors & Co., from Bangkok, Kohchang.
Fingal, (Nor.) M. B. K., from Keelung.

Tasmania Maru, (Jap.) N. Y. K., from Calcutta, Singapore.
Amazon Maru, (Jap.) O. S. K., from Bremen, Singapore.
Rhine Maru, (Jap.) M. B. K., from Kobe, Singapore.

DEPARTURES.

Kitano Maru, (Jap.) N. Y. K., for Yokohama, Shanghai.

Wa Sun, (Chinese) Pak Hong, for Shanghai.

Glentara, (Br.) J. M. & Co., for Yokohama, Shanghai.
Sinking, (Br.) B. & S., for Shanghai, Swatow.

Nam Wan, (Port) Tajshing & Co., for Tourane, Hoihow.

Sodegaura Maru, (Jap.) Y. K. K., for Hoihow.

Kueichow, (Br.) B. & S., for Canton.

Kogika Maru, (Jap.) Y. K. K., for Haiphong.

Song Bo, (Fren.) M. M. Cie., for Haiphong, Hoihow.

Ombilin, (Dut.) J. C. J. L., for Haiphong.

Lushan Maru, (Jap.) N. Y. K., for Shanghai, Swatow.

Tak Hing, (Chi.) Fook Hai, for Antau.

Mr. James P. Davis, U. S. Executive Consul, left Shanghai by the U. S. transport "Cham-mont" last Friday, on home leave. Mrs. Davis and children accompanied him and will return with him in about four months time.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Vessels bound for Dairen must
pass through quarantine until fur-
ther notice, states a telegram
received in Shanghai.According to the Chinese
press of Shanghai, H. M. Minister
in Peking has notified the Ministry
of Foreign Affairs that insufficient
protection is given to foreigners in
Hanan against the bandit and
military outrages. Immediate
steps should be taken to afford
them the necessary protection.The Japanese population at
Vladivostok is reported to be fast
dwindling. The Jiji says that
during the past month there has
been a decrease of some 200, re-
ducing the total number of
Japanese residents to 450. Most
of those who have left have gone
to Manchuria and a smaller num-
ber to Korea. Their chief com-
plaint is the exorbitant taxes
being exacted at Vladivostok.A Shizuoka message to the
"Osaka Jiji" reports that a win-
ter ascent of Mount Fuji was at-
tempted by Mr. Charles Dewes,
a British painter, on the 1st
instant. Accompanied by a
gorilla, he set out for the summit
from Yoshidaguchi at 5 a.m. and
reached the 5th station at noon.
There the snow was over five feet
deep, and no passage was open.
A piercing blizzard was blowing
and the foreigner had to get back,
with toes frostbitten. After ob-
taining medical aid, he drove for
Gotemba and took train for
Osaka.Mr. K. P. Chen, general
manager of the Shanghai Com-
mercial and Savings Bank, who
has just returned from a trip to
Chungking, gave an address to
the Y.M.C.A. Club in Shanghai at
a meeting held in his honour. In
the course of his lecture, which
was illustrated by lantern slides,
Mr. Chen urged that business men
of China should see more of their
own country. In Szechuan, the
richest and most populous pro-
vince in China, there were prac-
tically limitless possibilities of
development. Other speakers
during the evening were Mr. T. K.
Tseng, director of the Chikiang
Industrial Bank, Mr. Wong Koi-
sun, Chung Hwa Steel Products
Co., Dr. Chung of the Peking
Union Medical College, who
recently returned from America,
and Mr. Chang Nieh-yun.The importation of cigarettes
into Japan has increased 500 per
cent. during the past year, the
luxury tariff increasing rather than
decreasing the quantity of im-
ported tobacco, according to
officials of the Government
Tobacco Monopoly Bureau. The
quality of the imported tobacco,
however, it is explained, has fallen
greatly. Last year 39 million
cigarettes were imported. This
year, up to the end of October, the
imports amounted to 150,000,000
cigarettes.The two Chinese constables
of the Water Police Department,
charged with misconducting
themselves as constables and
demanding money with menaces,
were convicted at the Kowloon
Magistrate's yesterday. One de-
fendant was found guilty on three
charges and sentenced to three
months on each, to run concurrently.
The other was found guilty
on the charge of misconduct only,
and was sentenced to two months.
Mr. D. McCallum appeared for the
complainant from whom the de-
fendants were alleged to have
demanded \$80 and Mr. J. T. Prior
for the defendants.The Singapore Municipal
Health Officer, during the week
ended November 29, recorded
159 deaths, 27 being due to
phthisis, 19 to malaria, 16 to
pneumonia, and 13 to beriberi.
One fatal case of enteric fever
occurred. The death rate for the
week was 24.8 per mille per
annum compared with 27.5 in the
corresponding week of last year.
The infantile death rate was 143.4
per mille. Four persons died who
had been less than three months
resident in Singapore.It is stated in an Army Order
that the new mess jacket for
officers of the Army Service Corps
will be of blue cloth, with white
cloth roll collar and white cloth
pointed cuffs; shoulder straps of
blue cloth and rounded points
fastened with a small button;
badges of rank in metal and gilt
collar badges, but not buttons on
the front of the jacket, and no
gold braid or piping. Officers in
possession of the existing pattern
mess jacket will be permitted to
continue it in wear until requiring
replacement.In spite of the possibility of
disorder breaking out, cargo on
the Canton River and adjacent
delta is moving freely. As a
result, the river steamers between
Hongkong and Canton are all
getting plentiful offerings of ship-
ments both on the up and down
routes.As incoming shipmasters are
reporting "fresh" instead of "very
strong" monsoon, it is presumed
that the headwinds with which
North-bound vessels have to cope,
are moderating. With one or two
exceptions, there are indications
all round that the strength of the
N.E. monsoon is decreasing and
that improved weather prevails.A report has been made to the
police by Yee Cheung-lai, a wo-
man living at No. 23 Leighton
Hill Road, ground floor, that a
leather bag containing money and
property to the value of \$272 was
stolen from the house yesterday
by forcing open a locker. In this
connection two men and three
women have been arrested.The body of an elderly Chinese
woman, which was found on a
vacant piece of ground near the
foreshore at Taishikoo, was brought
to the public mortuary yesterday.
Several wounds on the head point
to the woman having been done to
death by robbers, as the deceased
is reported to have been living
alone in a match not far from the
place where the body was found.The serious outbreak of fire
which occurred in North Chikiang
Road on December 11, and caused
the deaths of four Chinese, two
women and two children, is now
said to have originated through the
upsetting of a lamp in use by a
soldier who was smoking opium.
The soldier, a man named Chang,
has not been seen since the fire
occurred and is believed to have
absconded. When the firemen
were engaged in removing the
smouldering debris of the two
houses, which were completely
destroyed, they came upon the
remains of the four victims. There
is little doubt of their identity,
although this could not be com-
pletely established. It was a
costly accident, three other houses
also being seriously damaged.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The appointment of Mr.
B. R. J. Yalland as Inspector of
Riggers, Hongkong naval dock-
yard, is officially announced.Passengers leaving yesterday
by the s.s. "Tango Maru" in-
cluded Captain C. Trott, Rev.
A. C. Clark and Mr. N. I. Brewer.Acting Wt. Telegraphist F. C.
Honeybun has been appointed to
H.M.S. "Hawkins" for w.t. duties
in Fifth Cruiser Squadron.Paym. Lieut. E. H. Harvey
has been appointed to H.M.S.
"Tamar" (adml.) and for duty in
the office of Commodore A. J. B.
Stirling, C.B.Mrs. Middleton Smith is to pre-
sent the prizes, at the Chinese
Y.M.C.A. on Saturday night, to
the students of the educational
Institute.The announcement is made
that the Alexandra Cafe man-
agement propose to have tea dances
in the cafe. Further announce-
ments will be made shortly.The Rev. D. B. Otley, Arch-
deacon of Calcutta, was found
shot in his bath-room on Novem-
ber 25. He is thought to have
been a victim to nerves.Major E. St. L. Shaw, of the
East Surrey Regiment, is placed
on the half pay list on account of
ill-health. The notification in
the "London Gazette" is dated
October 16.Passengers arriving in the
Colony on the s.s. "Kilano Maru"
yesterday included Sir A.
Edmonstone and Lady Edmon-
stone, Mr. Alex W. van Andel,
Mr. and Mrs. J. Purves, Count K.
Hirokawa.The Soviet delegation held its
first dinner in London yesterday.
It was attended by Mr. Edward
Manville, members of the House
of Commons, Lt. Comm. Kon-
worthy, and Mr. Stott M.P. Mr.
Rakovsky, presiding, toasted the
King. Mr. Rabinovitch, the Pres-
ident of the Delegation, men-
tioned that Russian exports to
Britain had increased by nearly
\$8,000,000 during the past two
years.Mr. H. E. Stevens, Chief Officer
of the Singapore Fire Brigade,
has been appointed a member of
the Institute of Fire Engineers.Mr. E. G. Osborne has been ap-
pointed general manager of the
Far Eastern Radio Company,
with offices at the Manila Hotel.The Moderator for the Pres-
byterian Church of England just
elected is the Rev. Dr. R. C.
Gillie, D.C.L. of Marylebone con-
gregation.The "Times of Malaya" reports
that the eldest daughter of His
Highness the Sultan of Perak has
been betrothed to the son of
H.H. the Sultan of Pahang.Mr. L. E. Gaunt, formerly of
Singapore, stood as the Unionist
candidate at Kingston-on-Hull
against Lt. Commander Ken-
worthy, Liberal. The latter
polled 15,234 votes against Mr.
Gaunt's 12,904.A Bangalore message of Dec.
1st states: The Rev. Mr. B. O.
Jervis, who was mauled by a
wounded tiger in the Shimoga
jungle and whose arm was am-
putated as the result of injuries,
died at Bowring Hospital, Banga-
lore.The "Gazette" announces, under
date June 1, that the King has
appointed J. F. Johns, Esq., to
be His Majesty's Consul-General
for the Kingdom of Siam, to re-
side at Bangkok; and J. D. Hogg,
Esq., M.B.E., to be His Majesty's
Consul for the Consular District
of Senggora, comprising the
Months of Puket, Surashtra,
Nakawn-Sritamarat and Patani,
to reside in Senggora.According to present arrange-
ments, when Mr. Richard Marsh,
the King's trained vacante Egerton
House, Newmarket, probably in
the early part of next year.
It will pass into the possession of
Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles.
It is understood that
Egerton House, an extensive and
picturesque building standing in
its own grounds, just outside
Newmarket, will be used as a
country home by Princess Mary,
although Viscount Lascelles may
elect to keep some of his race-
horses in training there.Mr. Kawakami Toshihiko, the
former Minister in Poland, whose
name came into much promi-
nence in connection with the con-
versations with Mr. Joffe in To-
kyo, in which he represented the
Japanese Government, has been
elected Mayor of Dairen.Commander C. E. Brooke, hav-
ing completed two years as
second-in-charge of the Dockyard
and Naval Establishments at
Hongkong, is relieved by Com-
mander C. A. Browne, who was
promoted in June last, after being
navigator of the cruiser "Cairo"
in the East Indies.Marshal and Mrs. Feng Yu-
hsiang will leave for abroad within
a week, says a Peking telegram.
They will first go to Japan, after
which they will visit America and
Europe. Mrs. Feng, who was
formerly a secretary in the
Y.W.C.A., is a fluent speaker of
English. A second report in the
Chinese press is that Marshal Feng
is directing his forces "behind the
screens."A note in the "New York
Herald" which has just come to
hand, refers to the unusual Army
record of the Wilson family, of
Greenville, N.C., of which Mr.
W. B. Wilson, Jr. (U.S. Vice-
Consul in Shanghai) is a member.
During the war the family had
five sons who were officers in the
U.S. Army. Mr. Wilson, a West
Point graduate, serving as Lieut-
enant. It is stated that search
through the records of the army
and navy has failed to reveal
another instance in which five
brothers have been officers.Mr. J. Batalha de Freitas, the
Portuguese Minister, whose
absence from Peking precluded
the participation of his country
in the Diplomatic Body's joint
Cabinet, was due in Shanghai on
Monday. His Excellency and
Mrs. de Freitas were to arrive in
the P. & O.S. "Macedonia." They
will be the guests of Mrs. A. G.
Stephen, at 182, Bubbling-Well
Road, till about the first week in
January, after which they proceed
to Peking. Mr. de Freitas will
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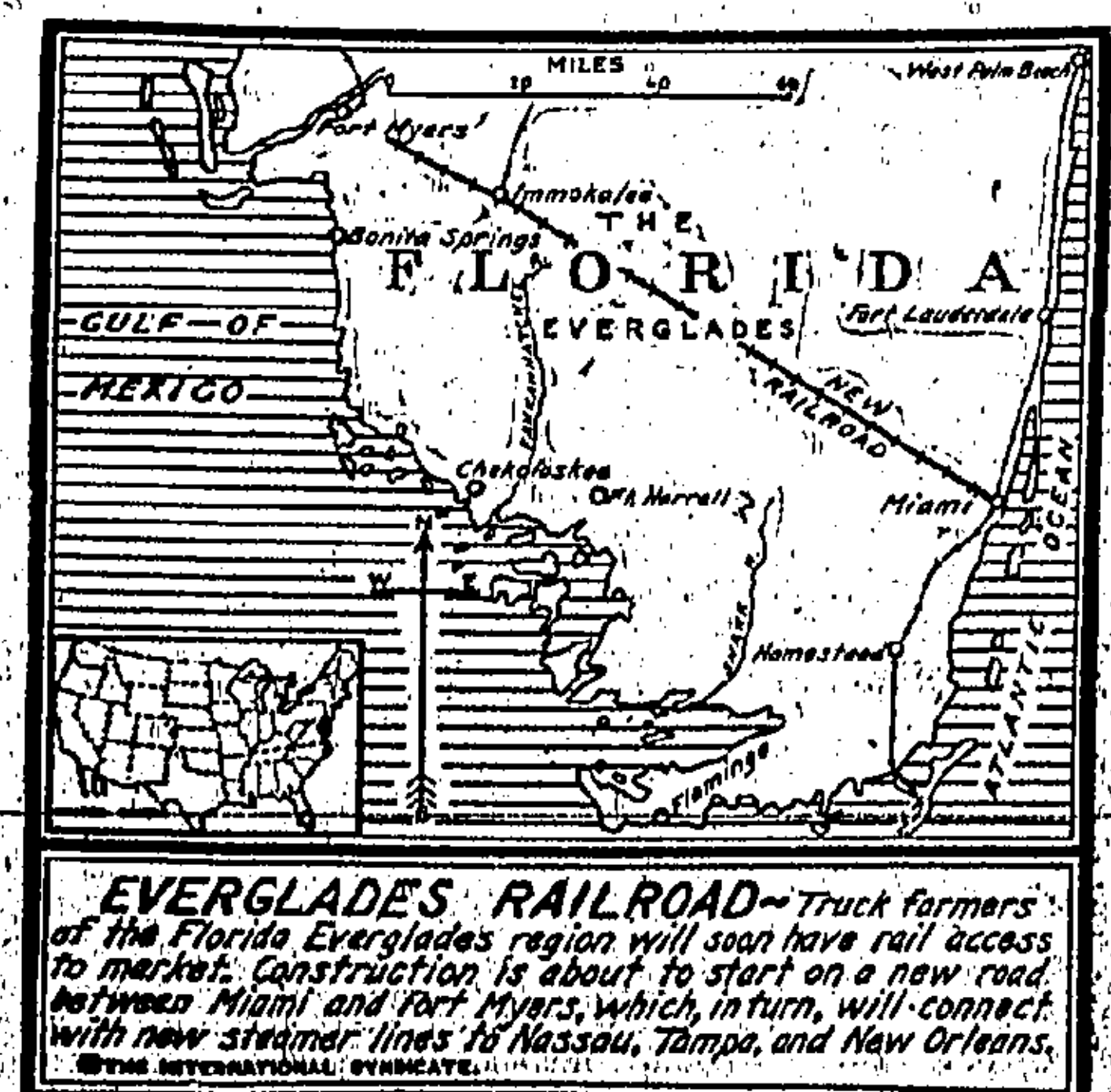
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LADY TERRINGTON'S SUIT AGAINST "DAILY EXPRESS."

London, November 13.—Lady Terrington, of Marlow-on-Thames, Liberal M.P., in the last Parliament, the Wycombe division of Buckingham, was plaintiff in the King's Bench Division in a libel action against the London Express Newspaper, Ltd., arising out of an article in the "Daily Express" on December 3 last, during the general election.

The works complained of, it was stated, were published as the result of an interview between Lady Terrington and the newspaper's representative, Mrs. Burghes. The article was headed "The Best-dressed Woman M.P. Lady Terrington's aim if elected: Furs and Pearls." Lady Terrington alleged that the innuendo in the article was that she was extravagant and frivolous, given to vulgar ostentation, and boasted about "the luxurious character of her establishment."

The defence was a denial of malice or that the words were capable of any defamatory meaning.

Sir Ellis Hume Williams, K.C., for Lady Terrington, said the newspaper article stated: "If I am returned to Westminster," said Lady Terrington to me, "I intend to wear my best clothes when I go there. I shall put on my ostriches and my fur coat and my pearls."

"Every woman would do the same if she could. It is sheer hypocrisy to pretend in public life that you have no nice things and to display them openly in your own home."

Lady Terrington said no mention was made in the interview of ostriches and pearls, and the fur coat was only mentioned in answer to a question by Mrs. Burghes as to how she explained the capital levy to the people. What she had stated was all twisted in the article.

Lady Terrington, cross-examined by Sir Edward Marshall Hall, K.C., said that when she granted the interview to Mrs. Burghes she was wearing her pearls as now.

Sir Edward: Only now the pearls are underneath.

Lady Terrington (displaying a necklace she was wearing): Oh, no. There they are.

Sir Edward said that some papers published a statement that she possessed a rope of pearls. One photograph suggested that it was a double rope.

"One real and one imitation," said Lady Terrington.

Sir Edward: Did you say "The Conservatives are the most fearful snobs. To show you what snobs they are I will tell you of one woman who used to go to church with a purple rope and rope herself into her pew?" (Laughter.)—I told Mrs. Burghes that there was a near neighbour who roped herself in her pew, but I did not refer to politics at all in that connection.

Sir Edward to Lady Terrington: Did you say, "Since I came out as a Liberal all the local Conservatives have cut and snubbed me?"—No.

Lord Darling: Have you got ostriches?—No, I am particularly kind to animals and do not wear ostriches.

Lady Terrington denied that she had worn long trailing feathers at the House of Commons. She did not think that she wore a different dress each day of the first week she was in the House of Commons. Nor did she ever tell Mrs. Burghes that when she went to meetings she hung her fur coat over the back of her chair so that people could see the lining because it cheered them all up.

Sir Edward: Did you say, "It is the likes of the rich that keeps the poor?" All lies. We are not rich.

Lady Terrington said that although her signature was appended to an interview she gave to a woman representative of a fashion publication she did not say all that had been published.

Lord Darling, summing up, said the question whether the statements published were true and were fair to me without malice, he had to decide in itself whether the statements were matters of public interest. Lady Terrington was standing for Parliament, and all he meant to do was that the kind of clothes which a woman, being a member of Parliament, should wear in Parliament was a matter of public interest.

The jury returned a verdict for the defendants.

Judgment, with costs, was entered accordingly.

The "Eastern Times" reports that Marshal Tuan Chih-shan is considering the issue of a mandate appointing Marshal Feng Yuh-shiang, High Commissioner for the Investigation of Military and Naval Affairs in Europe and America, and Gen. Huang Fu ("Premier in the regency cabinet") chief secretary to the Commission. Another report states that Tuan has asked Feng to select any post he desires in Kiangsu, Shantung or Hubei, but Feng has given no reply.

OPIUM SMOKERS.

PLUCKY PATIENTS AMONG CHINESE.

The following is taken from the minutes of a meeting of the committee for Public Health Education, held in the Principal Medical Officer's office, Kuala Lumpur, on November 13.—

With regard to the success or otherwise of anti-opium treatment, Dr. E. A. O. Travers put the following report before the committee:—

Up to September 21, 980 Chinese have been admitted. Of those, 755 have completed the cure and remained in hospital 21 days. Six were discharged for bad conduct. Two died, one from pneumonia and one from hemorrhage from a perforating gastric ulcer. Two hundred and seventeen absconded, and of these 105 left the hospital within seven days and abandoned the treatment, 56 left between eight and fourteen days. The latter 112 cases went through the atropine treatment and left because they could not afford to stay longer, or were afraid of losing their employment. Most of those had lost the craving for opium. I am of opinion that a large majority of those who remain in hospital for the complete twenty-one days are actually cured of the opium habit. Those who have not the necessary strength of mind or capacity for physical endurance abscond from hospital.

(2) The Chinese are a shrewd, sensible people, and there is no doubt that, if a majority of those undergoing the treatment were not cured, the number of those applying for admission would rapidly decrease. As it is, the rush for tickets is so great that over 100 Chinese come to the issuing office every day in the hope of getting one of the few vacancies daily, and the secretary of the Anti Opium Societies and his clerks have to make those present draw for tickets, otherwise they would be mobbed.

(3) It is common for a man who has been through the treatment to bring several of his friends to apply for admission. He would not be likely to do this unless he himself had been enabled to give up that habit.

(4) We are getting very few decrepits among the admissions, and the class of patients tends to improve. It is conceivable that a vagrant might undergo the discomfort of the treatment in order to be well fed for three weeks, but this does not apply to the ricksha puller, healthy coolies, clerks, and small shopkeepers, who daily compete for vacancies. The fact that an increasing number of hospital attendants, who provide substitutes to carry out their work, are being admitted is a strong argument in favour of the success of the treatment.

(5) Well educated Chinese, many of whom speak English, have been admitted and freely discuss their feelings, "craving, etc., with me. One cannot fail to be impressed by the pluck and resolution of the great majority of the patients.

It is not reasonable to compare Europeans with Chinese when discussing the possible cure of the opium habit. It would be impossible to control half-a-dozen Europeans who were secretly taking morphine, let alone expect to cure them by the method now employed to break the Chinese of the opium habit whereas the 150 or so Chinese at the District Hospital behave themselves as well as ordinary individuals, and make a very genuine effort to co-operate in their cure.

I know of the instance of a Chinese towkay, with whom I was on terms of intimate friendship, who was a heavy opium smoker but who would leave it off at will for any length of time. He was inconvenienced for a few days, but soon lost all craving for it.

(6) As it is only four months since the present experiment was undertaken, it is not possible to say whether the cures are permanent or not, but there is no doubt but that several hundred Chinese have at any rate temporarily given up the habit of opium smoking.

The committee thanked Dr. Travers for his very interesting report.

The American Government is not answering M. Tchitcherine's note of December 16, at which coastguard officials are most amused. They point out that similar plates, in order that passers-by should take observations, have been fixed in many foreign places and standardised. The warning against violation inscribed thereon was only intended for domestic consumption. The message referred to reads:—M. Tchitcherine has strongly protested to the United States against the "lawless acts of American officials," following the discovery on the Tchukotak Peninsula of a brass plate fixed to a rock by a party from an American cruiser, inscribed, threatening Soviet citizens not to interfere therewith. M. Tchitcherine warns that a repetition of such violation of Soviet rights will be sternly repressed.

STUDENTS OF CRIME.

TRANSACTIONS OF MEDICO-LEGAL SOCIETY.

The scientific detective of fiction is no longer without his parallel in real life, says a writer in the "Daily News." Sir Bernard Spillbury, Mr. John Webster, Dr. Droyt and a few others have often demonstrated in the courts how far science has progressed in the investigation of the puzzling phenomena which present themselves in so many criminal cases. But it is perhaps not so generally known that there is in existence a society—the Medico-Legal Society—whose chief object is the study and discussion of just those problems which come before lawyers, doctors, coroners and scientists generally.

About once every month this unpretentious society holds a meeting in London. Many of its members have names which are known from "Land" to "End to John O. Groats." Some famous authors—Mr. Bernard Shaw among them—are members; but in the complete list there are many names of men who work behind the closed doors of laboratories of study, quietly carrying on investigations in the vast realm of criminology and quite unknown to the public at large. The society is, in fact, the only one of its kind in England, which has amongst its members the leaders of the "great professions," and the greatest authorities on particular subjects bearing upon the medical and scientific aspect of cases which have come, or may at any time come, before the law courts.

The methods pursued by the body are simple enough in themselves. A member who has had an opportunity of studying some subject or case (the course of his actual experience) prepares a paper dealing with it and reads this to the society. General discussion follows, in which those present who have had similar experience give their views or raise questions to be elucidated. Finally the whole transaction is printed and circulated privately to members. Year after year this goes on and so a great edifice of curious knowledge is built up.

The volume of transactions for the last session makes strange and sometimes macabre reading for the layman. The ethics of suicide, attempts to defraud insurance, so-called, and the use of that extraordinary instrument, the microscope, in the detection of blood stains, are but a few of the subjects covered.

We often hear that the publication of details of sensational crimes is not good for the public. That may or may not be true. But if only the general public could also read and understand fully the transactions of the Medico-Legal Society I think that, as a deterrent, the effect would be as great as any punishment which the State could inflict.

It makes one shudder to think of what cold passionless science can do nowadays in the detection of crime!



QUESTIONS WOMEN ASK.

Why do I continually suffer? What am I to do to regain health? These are questions many women are despondently asking themselves as they feel strength and vitality steadily diminishing day by day.

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ALLEGED DESERTION.

LADY DELME-RADCLIFFE IN COURT.

HUSBAND'S DISTANT WAYS.

London, November 8.—Lady Delme-Radcliffe in the Divorce Division sought a judicial separation alleging desertion against her husband, Brigadier-General Sir Charles Delme-Radcliffe, which he denied.

Mr. Bayford, K.C., for the wife, said that the marriage was in 1902. Sir Charles went to Uganda soon afterwards and was away two years. During this time the wife, who was the only child of the late Sir Frederick Treves, the eminent surgeon, remained with her parents. From 1904 they lived in Madrid, and from March 1906 they went to Rome, where he was military attaché. The husband left his wife alone a good deal. She had to go about by herself.

In the summer of 1912 they were left in a villa near Genoa, where the wife went expecting her husband, but he only visited her there for about two days.

He then said he was going to Australia and left his wife.

In fact, said Mr. Bayford, he did not go to Australia. In March 1913 the wife was still at the house in Rome, her husband staying there for a fortnight, and from that time married relations ceased.

In a letter of June 4, 1923, she wrote her husband:

Dear Charles,—As I told you today, the present position is unbearable. You have skilfully little by little pushed me out of your life and got rid of me. I cannot endure it any longer. You are my husband, and I must ask you to make a home for me, so that we may live together, and that I may have the benefit of your society and affection.

Lady Delme-Radcliffe said that Sir Charles, answering her letter saying he had pushed her out of his life, said it sounded grotesque and added:

Why did we marry? Surely for happiness! The situation is intolerable, and I am not content with it. I am as unhappy and wretched as you say you are. It seems such a pity that our lives cannot be happy. I want to make you happy more than any other person in the world.

Lady Delme-Radcliffe: That is all humbug.

Counsel read a letter wherein Sir Charles asked her to accompany him on his travels, and he would look out for a place in Vienna. Lady Delme-Radcliffe explained that it was an impossible proposition, as she knew her husband could not give up his "wild travelling" all over Europe. She had never declined to cohabit with her husband.

£100,000 LEGACY.

Lady Delme-Radcliffe said Sir Charles's father died in 1907 and he succeeded to the Titchfield estates. Her own father—Sir Frederick Treves, surgeon to the King—who died last year, left nearly £100,000 to Lady Treves for life, with reversion to herself (Lady Delme-Radcliffe).

Mr. Rawlinson: Was not your husband anxious that you should settle down on the Titchfield property?—Yes. But I told him I would never stay there without him.

She added that she and her husband ceased to occupy the same room from 1904 as Sir Charles would have the blinds up all night and get up early in the morning. She herself was a bad sleeper.

Sir Charles Delme-Radcliffe and said that while in Uganda his Government appointment was extended, and although he asked his wife to join him there she declined, saying he was selfish. On his return he took a flat and she refused to go there as she did not like it.

Mr. Rawlinson: It has been said that you deserted your wife from 1912. Did you then or had you ever any intention of deserting her?—No, never.

Cross-examined by Mr. Bayford, he said that he wanted to have a child and his wife did not. That was a great disappointment to him. The estate he came into at his father's death realised in 1910 £182,000, of which about £100,000 came to him, with reversion to his eldest son.

A SETTLEMENT.

A settlement was announced on the fourth day of the hearing. Mr. Bayford, K.C., for the wife, said the parties had come to terms, which would involve eventually a deed of separation.

Mr. Rawlinson, K.C. (for Sir Charles), said Sir Charles was still anxious for his wife to return to him.

Gen. Ho Feng-hsi, former Defence Commissioner of Shanghai and Sunghang, is still living in the French Concession in retirement. Visited by the chairman of the Shantung Guard and the chairman of a number of other commercial organizations. Gen. Ho is reported to have said that he will not enter the army again. He will live in retirement and will have nothing more to do with politics. Gen. Ho also declared that he had been offered by Gen. Lu Yung-shang the post of Associate Tupan of Chihli.

MONEY LENDING.

AGENCIES FOR THE POOR IN CHINA.

CITY "TOUGHS."

Banking institutions are naturally the principal money lenders in China, as in other countries. But the banking service is only available to the more prominent firms and individuals or those with adequate securities. Modern banks operating under the banking laws are not allowed to hold real estate as security. As a rule, says the "Chinese Economic Bulletin," native (old-fashioned) banks make advances on personal credit alone, but to the poor and needy, these institutions might as well be nonexistent. The average rate of interest charged by the banks is about 14 per cent. per annum, varying a good deal with the time and place, but for the poorer classes, the rate is much higher. They may obtain loans from professional money lenders if they have real property such as house and land deeds to offer as security. An interest rate of from 1.8 per cent. to 3 per cent. per month, or 21.6 per cent. to 36 per cent. per annum, is commonly charged. If only small articles are available for security, they usually go to the pawnshop, where interest is charged at 2 to 3 per cent. per month, which is equivalent to 24 to 36 per cent. per annum. As a rule, only an amount equal to half the market value of the article offered may be obtained. In the case of the pawnshop, the period for the loan is limited to 18 months, while the professional money lenders are always on a sharp lookout for an opportunity to foreclose on a piece of desirable property and in this case the time limit would be much shorter. These, however, are all legitimate transactions, and the rates, though high, are not considered excessive. It is the labourer or street peddler with no adequate security to offer who encounters the most unreasonable treatment from the hands of the loan sharks. Such loans which are generally known as Yin Tse Chuan are made on the basis of doubling capital in a year or even less. They are for comparatively small amounts, varying from a few hundred copper cents to 30 or more dollars. For a sum above 30 dollars, however, it is necessary for the borrower to furnish some sort of written guarantee from some reliable store keeper, while for smaller amounts, a word of recommendation from a mutual friend is all that is necessary. The borrower is required to sign a paper on which he agrees to pay the lender so much a day for a certain number of days. Not even

the borrowed sum is mentioned in the document. For example, if \$15 is borrowed for a period of 60 days, the signed paper only signifies that the borrower agrees to pay the lender 30 cents per day for sixty days commencing at a certain date. In actual practice, the money is often lent in silver and paid back in coppers, which further bewilders the ignorant borrower and helps him to lose sight of the rate of interest he is paying. In many places such sharp practice is officially prohibited, but the system is too deeply rooted to be eradicated, especially when no other adequate credit the borrowers of such money are mostly shiftless people, the lenders must keep constant watch over their loans. They will use any method to bring a delinquent to book, partly because they have no redress in litigation, loans on these terms not being recognised. Every city and town has its quota of "toughs" who are able to maintain their prestige among the poor and helpless by physical prowess. These persons are used by the money lenders. Women constitute the majority of the victims of these loan sharks.

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Prince Bibesco.



PRINCE BIBESCO

Prince Bibesco, Rumanian Minister to the United States, is shown as he sailed from New York for home, where he will take a vacation and write a play he has in mind.

Duchess In Politics.



The Duchess of Atholl, distinguished Celtic scholar, long interested in educational matters in Scotland, has been appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education in the Conservative Cabinet. She was one of the four women elected to the House of Commons in the recent election.

Divorce Charges.



Mrs. Albert G. Fitzpatrick, wife of a dentist, is suing for a separation allowance. Her husband denies he threw things at her, declaring she told their two children "she would cut their tongues out if they ever called me daddy." He testified he found her drinking with two men unknown to him.

BOBBED-HAIRED BANDIT.



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Beautiful 19-year-old Beulah Mae Baum, mother of a three-year-old child, has confessed that she lured Frank Mark, sportsman and society leader, to a lonely road, where he was held up and shot by Jesse Martin, and Harry Johnson. Martin and Johnson have confessed. Mark, after being at the point of death, has recovered. After he was shot he crawled to his motor car and drove a mile to the nearest farmhouse, where he collapsed.

Indian Princess.



MISS ATALIA UNKALUNT

Miss Atalia Unkalunt, Cherokee Indian Princess and concert singer, has been acquitted on charges of theft brought against her by Mrs. Lucie Benedict, daughter of a rich art dealer.

Now A Monk.



PRINCE GEORGE OF SAXONY

The Crown Prince George of Saxony, who recently entered a German monastery as a penance for his mother's sin, has been ordained a priest. His mother, while Crown Princess of Saxony, eloped with her children's tutor.

EX-KAISER'S WIFE TRAVELS ALONE.



PRINCESS HERMOINE

This is a specially posed portrait of Princess Hermoine, second wife of the ex-Kaiser of Germany, made in front of the Kurhuel in Berchtesgaden, Germany, where she spent her vacation away from her husband.

Baron Paul Rosenkrantz, noted Danish writer, is visiting London to study British women in executive political positions. He has long maintained that women are unfit to govern, except in the home.

"Lion-Faced" Man.



LIONEL ETKOVITZ

Lionel Etkovitz, of Bremen, Germany, known in circus life as the "Lion-Faced" man, has sailed for home after a season in the sideshow. He is to marry Wanda Schmitz in Bremen, and will not come back to the circus for two years.

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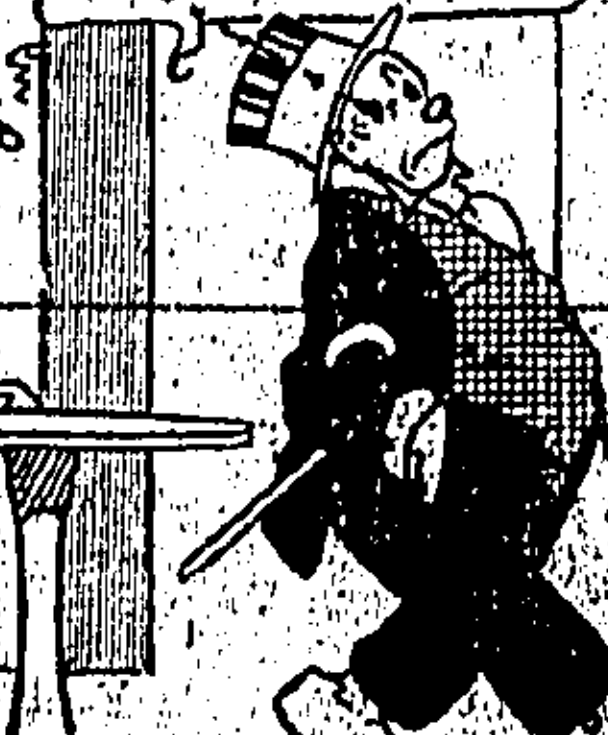
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In the annual match between the Army and Navy played on the Club ground yesterday, the glorious uncertainty of cricket was again demonstrated. At the fifth interval the position was:

Navy 1st Innings..... 126
Army (2 wickets)..... 62
On resuming the Navy bowlers soon obtained the upper hand and the entire army side was disposed of for 65, which included 21 extras. Captain Kent made a carefully compiled 32 and Captain Rowe contributed 13 when badly needed. After each side had completed an innings, it was decided that each should have 40 minutes batting in order to "carry on" until 4 p.m., the time arranged for drawing Stumps.

Scores:
Navy.—1st Innings.

Lt. Comdr. Jotham, l.b.w. b 31
" Jacob, b Walker..... 21
Mid. Evans, b Walker..... 2
Mid. Stephenson, b Jacob..... 3
Lt. Wauchope, b Rowe..... 43
Lt. Nicholson, b Gifford..... 6
Pay Lt. Comdr. Hargreaves, l.b.w. Gifford..... 3
Col. Cantrell, b Rowe..... 0
Lt. Bower, c Hattersley Smith, b Rowe..... 1
Pay Lt. Hogg, b Gifford..... 5
Lieut. Hayter, not out..... 14
Capt. Lake, and b Rowe..... 1
Extras..... 17
Total..... 126

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Walker..... 7 1 20 1
Jacob..... 10 1 31 2
Lt. Smith..... 4 0 15 0
Gifford..... 9 3 24 3
Rowe..... 7 3 19 1

Army.—1st Innings.

Capt. Walker, c Lake b Cantrell 9
Capt. Kent, l.b.w. b Cantrell 32
Capt. Carpenter, c Jotham b Cantrell..... 3
Major Hattersley Smith, b Hogg 4
Lieut. Allfree, b Cantrell..... 0
Capt. Feary, c Lake b Hogg..... 0
Lieut. Smith, b Hogg..... 1
Capt. Rowe, b Cantrell..... 13
Bdsman Wood, not out..... 8
Sgt. Gifford, c b Evans..... 0
Q. M. S. Jacob, b Evan..... 5
Extras..... 21
Total..... 96

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Hargreaves..... 3 0 7 0
Evans..... 7 1 20 2
Cantrell..... 12 1 31 5
Hogg..... 8 3 17 3

Navy.—2nd Innings.

Capt. Lake, b Kent..... 18
Lieut. Hayter, c Kent b Carpenter..... 7
Lieut. Comdr. Bower, c Kent b Allfree..... 13
Mid. Evans, c Walker b Kent..... 1
Lieut. Nicholson, c Carpenter b Allfree..... 7
Lieut. Wauchope, not out..... 9
Mid. Stephenson, not out..... 0
Extras..... 8
Total (for 5 pkts.)..... 63

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Carpenter..... 4 0 10 1
Wood..... 2 0 17 0
Kent..... 2 1 1 2
Hattersley-Smith..... 2 0 10 0
Allfree..... 1 0 8 2

HOME FOOTBALL.

Below will be found the position of the teams in the second division of the league on December 15.

Division II.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.	Tis
Manchester U.	18	14	5	1	19	7
Derby	19	11	4	3	10	17
Obolens	19	10	3	2	14	14
Leicester C.	19	8	4	6	8	21
Orya. Palace	19	8	4	6	8	21
Wolver	19	8	4	6	8	21
Portsmouth	19	8	4	6	8	21
Wednesday	19	8	4	6	8	21
Spoke	19	8	4	6	8	21
Clapton O.	19	8	4	6	8	21
Southampton	19	8	4	6	8	21
Blackpool	19	8	4	6	8	21
Middlesex	19	8	4	6	8	21
Fulham	19	8	4	6	8	21
Bradford C.	19	8	4	6	8	21
Oldham	19	8	4	6	8	21
Port Vale	19	8	4	6	8	21
Hull City	19	8	4	6	8	21
Barnsley	19	8	4	6	8	21
Stockport	19	8	4	6	8	21
Covebury	19	8	4	6	8	21
South Shields	19	8	4	6	8	21

Army.—2nd Innings.

Lt. Allfree, not out..... 44
Lt. Smith, run out..... 4
Capt. Feary, b Nicholson..... 4
Sgt. Gifford, b Nicholson..... 4
Bdsman Wood, not out..... 4
Extras..... 13
Total (for 3 wks.)..... 74

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Hayter..... 5 0 31 0
Hargreaves..... 3 0 4 0
Nicholson..... 4 1 9 2
Stephenson..... 2 0 17 0

H.K.C.C. TEAMS.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club on Saturday, both matches commencing at 2 p.m.

1st Innings.
Valley—T. E. Pearce (Capt.), R. E. A. Webster, F. N. Young, W. Galloway, C. H. Plessey, Rev. T. B. Powell, Capt. R. F. Walker, Col. E. D. Matthews, E. R. Price, S. A. Arthur, J. H. Crutch.
2nd Innings.
on Club ground (League), R. Macalpine (Capt.), M. M. Watson, H. Griffin, W. L. Smith, H. Spicer, H. I. Stevenson, G. R. Vallack, H. E. Howell, J. P. Bridger, H. G. Burn, C. F. Lloyd.

LR.C. v K.C.C.

In this League match to be played at 2 p.m. on Saturday on the latter's ground the following will represent the L. R. C. 2nd eleven.

I. R. C.—Strdar Khan (Capt.), S. A. R. Ismail, D. Rumjshu, Y. A. Wahab, E. A. Moosdeen, N. B. Kitchell, M. P. Madar, A. K. Minu, I. Hassan, A. R. Minu and J. Cassambhoy. Reserve S. Cassambhoy.

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE.

LOCAL TEAMS PLAYING TO-MORROW

The annual fixture between teams representing Oxford and Cambridge Universities will be played on the H.K.C.C. ground to-morrow. Play commences at 10 a.m. It is understood.

THE ALL BLACKS.**NEW ZEALANDERS' FINE RECORD.**

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 17.
The New Zealand Rugby XV, the All Blacks, still maintain their unbeaten record in Britain, having defeated Hampshire today at Portsmouth by 22 points to nil.

The results to date:

All Blacks	11.	Devonshire	0.
All Blacks	29.	Cornwall	0.
All Blacks	6.	Somerset	0.
All Blacks	6.	Gloucester	0.
All Blacks	39.	Swansea	0.
All Blacks	13.	Newport	10.
All Blacks	27.	Leicester	0.
All Blacks	40.	North Mid-	0.
All Blacks	18.	Cheshire	5.
All Blacks	43.	Durham	7.
All Blacks	42.	Yorkshire	4.
All Blacks	23.	Lancashire	0.
All Blacks	41.	Cumberland	0.
All Blacks	6.	Ireland	0.
All Blacks	28.	Ulster	6.
All Blacks	27.	Northum-	4.
All Blacks	5.	Cambridge	0.
All Blacks	31.	University	0.
All Blacks	33.	Oxford U.	16.
All Blacks	16.	Cardiff	8.
All Blacks	19.	Wales	0.
All Blacks	31.	East Mid-	0.
All Blacks	20.	Warwick-	0.
All Blacks	25.	Combined	0.
All Blacks	22.	Portsmouth	0.
Total	596.	Total	81.

ASSOCIATION CUP**BRISTOL BEAT WEYMOUTH IN REPLAY.**

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, December 17.
In the replay between Weymouth and Bristol to decide who shall enter the first round in the competition proper for the English Cup, Bristol Rovers beat Weymouth by 2-0.

Bristol Rovers now have to meet Bristol City.

League Division III.

In Division III (Northern) of the League the following matches were played:

Darlington..... 2 Southport..... 1
Bradford..... 7 Ashington..... 1

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